

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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August 5, 2003

FROM: MARK H. UFFER, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH
AUTHORITY – HEMAN G. STARK YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CHINO (STATE
CONTRACT NO. 02-03-6)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with State of California, Department of the Youth Authority – Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility - Chino, for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, for trauma services provided to inmates for an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000. Direct Clerk of the Board to maintain confidentiality pursuant to Government Code 6254.14.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) requires that the nearest trauma center accept and provide necessary services to any emergency patient presenting for such services. When a correctional facility inmate suffers a trauma, the ambulance service is required to transport the patient to the nearest trauma facility. Also, in the event that an inmate requires a higher level of care only available at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, the Medical Center must accept and treat the inmate.

The State of California, Department of Youth Authority, which oversees Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility - Chino, cannot remit payment to the Medical Center for these patients without a valid agreement. These agreements are retroactive, because they only become necessary in the event an inmate suffers a trauma or requires a higher level of care that necessitates they be transferred to ARMC. The contract limit is set by the State to an amount they deem appropriate to cover all costs for the care rendered to the inmate. In the event that the cost for care exceeds the contract limit, the State will then amend the contract increasing the not-to-exceed amount as necessary.

Currently, medical services have been provided by Arrowhead Regional Medical Center to Department of the Youth Authority – Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility inmates in an amount of \$26,057 for FY 2002/03. In order for the Medical Center to receive reimbursement for these services, a valid agreement must be approved with the State of California, Department of the Youth Authority – Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility - Chino. Should services be provided to the Correctional Facility during the current fiscal year, a similar contract will be presented to the Board to allow reimbursement of medical treatment costs.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on July 23, 2003, and HSS Administration (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on July 23, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This agreement allows the Medical Center to bill and receive reimbursement from State of California, Department of the Youth Authority – Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility - Chino for trauma services that have been provided and will be provided to inmates. This agreement is for an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it imposes no local county cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Mark H. Uffer, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6150

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